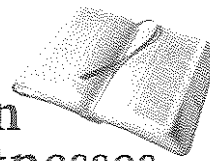


# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

On February 1, 2001, a letter was sent to all bodies of elders in the United States, stating that Jehovah's Witness Holocaust-Era Survivors Fund, Inc., (JWHESF) has been authorized by the Governing Body to assist brothers and sisters who may qualify for Holocaust-era restitution. At present, over 400 names of potential claimants in the United States have been submitted. Many of these are elderly Witnesses who have been in Jehovah's service for many years. Others have recently become associated with our congregations. JWHESF is assisting all such ones.

The application deadlines are rapidly approaching. The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the agency administering restitution funds, has requested that JWHESF arrange for a "last call" for claimants who may be associated with congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. Therefore, please have a member of the Congregation Service Committee read the accompanying announcement at the first Service Meeting and at the conclusion of the first *Watchtower* study following receipt of this mailing. You will note that the announcement directs individuals to see the congregation secretary for additional information. When they do, the secretary may share with them the information contained in the box printed below the announcement.

Experience has shown that some eligible individuals have been overlooked to date because others in the congregation, including the elders, were not aware of their past experiences. Other eligible persons have misunderstood the matter, thinking that they can only receive assistance if they were Jehovah's Witnesses during World War II.

*Please note that once the deadline expires, there is no possibility of submitting applications.* Therefore, we would appreciate your giving this matter your urgent attention. If brothers and sisters wish to apply for restitution, we do not want them to miss out on the opportunity. In line with the June 15, 2001, *Watchtower* article, "Look After Orphans and Widows in Their Tribulation," we are pleased to assist our dear elderly ones.

Your brothers,

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